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### Indonesian Law 18-2009 Requires Dairy Exporters to Prelist with MoA

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#### Report Highlights:

- Indonesia announces Law 18/2009, requiring foreign companies exporting dairy products and eggs to Indonesia to prelist with the Indonesian Ministry of Agriculture
- Law 18 also requires that audits on a plant-by-plant basis will follow for all prelisted companies
- Law 18 stipulates that all dairy products and eggs exported to Indonesia must be certified as halal

#### General Information:

On Friday, September 11, 2009, staff representing the Foreign Agricultural Service's (FAS) Office of Agricultural Affairs, Jakarta, Indonesia, including Agricultural Counselor Dennis Voboril, Agricultural Attaché Jonn Slette, and Agricultural Specialist Sugiarti Meylinah met with senior

representatives from the Livestock Services Division, Indonesian Ministry of Agriculture (MoA). During the meeting, MoA officials informed the FAS representatives that Indonesia will begin to enforce Indonesian Law 18/2009 (Law 18), which stipulates that all companies exporting animal derived products, including dairy and eggs, to Indonesia will be required to apply for pre-listing. They stated that Indonesia would provide 12 months from June 4, 2009, the inception date of the Law 18, before full implementation.

According to the MoA, after companies are prelisted, plant-by-plant inspections will follow.

Additionally, MoA officials stated that products will also require halal certification by a U.S. based Islamic center, approved by the Indonesian Ulama Council (MUI). Finally, the MoA noted that Indonesia will not immediately stop dairy and egg imports. Furthermore, they insisted that trade is not currently being affected, and import permits continue to be issued and signed for dairy products and eggs.

According to the MoA, Indonesia already completed dairy and egg audits, in compliance with Law 18, in India, Malaysia, and Singapore. They also noted that Indonesia currently has similar audits underway in New Zealand.

FAS Agricultural Counselor Dennis Voboril asked the MoA officials if Indonesia notified the World Trade Organization (WTO). They replied that they was unaware if Law 18 had been notified to the WTO, although they insisted they would contact the appropriate people within the MoA and inform FAS Jakarta of the results. FAS Washington later confirmed that Indonesia has not notified the WTO, per their WTO obligations.

A partial and unofficial translation of Law 18 is available upon request. This document is intended to provide a basic overview of Law 18 sections that are particularly applicable to U.S. exporters. Please send any such requests to: [AGJakarta@fas.usda.gov](mailto:AGJakarta@fas.usda.gov)